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1 <sup>10</sup>16. The method of claim 14 wherein the application of a torque  
2 is applied in a tightening direction.

1 <sup>11</sup>16. The method of claim 15 wherein the torque is applied until  
2 a rotation from about 1 degree to about 15 degrees is achieved.

1 <sup>12</sup>17. The method of claim 16 wherein the torque is applied until a  
2 rotation from about 10 degrees to about 14 degrees is achieved.

1 <sup>13</sup>18. The method of claim 14 wherein the application of a torque  
2 is applied in a loosening direction.

1 <sup>14</sup>18. The method of claim 18 wherein the torque is applied until a  
2 rotation from about 1 degree to about 10 degrees is achieved.

1 <sup>15</sup>20. The method of claim 14 further comprising the step of  
2 computing an angle intercept of the angle axis from the determined constant  
3 rate of change.

1 <sup>16</sup>21. The method of claim 20 further comprising the step of scaling  
2 the angle axis whereby the zero degree point is the angle intercept of angle  
3 axis.

1 <sup>17</sup>22. The method of claim 14 wherein the predetermined angle  
2 is a design parameter.

#### REMARKS

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-8, and 14-22 are